

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of subject matter of claim 15. The Applicant has amended claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's instructions to include the features of the allowable subject matter of claim 15. Claim 36 has also been similarly amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 36, and all dependent claims thereto are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-13, 16, 18-21, and 36-44 are presented for examination. Claims 1, 11, 18-19, 21, 36, 39, and 41 have been amended. Claim 15 is canceled. No new matter has been entered.

In the Office Action mailed March 9, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13, 15-16, 18-21, and 39 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. More particularly, the Examiner believes that the phrase "absorbing material" can refer to various types of absorption, such as absorbing sound. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, claims 1, 11, 18-19, 21, 39, and 41 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a layer of adhesive-absorbing material. Support for the amendment can be found on page 5, lines 7-21. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Since claims 1 and 36 contain the allowable feature of claim 15, all claims should be allowed for the reasons indicated by the Examiner.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.  
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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